

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for use in a facilities management system, comprising:
 - a port for connecting to a field device;
 - a display;
 - 5 a user interface to be displayed on the display, the user interface to be used for at least one of programming the apparatus, testing the apparatus, managing the apparatus, and accessing the field device.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
 - 10 the apparatus includes a housing;
 - wherein the housing houses a plurality of personality modules;
 - wherein the housing houses the display.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
 - 15 a port for connecting to a server.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the display is an LCD touchscreen.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
 - 20 the user interface is to be used for at least one of programming the apparatus, testing the apparatus, managing the apparatus, accessing the field device, and programming, testing, or managing another apparatus in the access control system.

6. An apparatus for use in a facilities management system having a server, comprising:

a housing;

a port for connecting the apparatus to the server;

5 a plurality of personality modules housed within the housing;

wherein at least one of the personality modules has a port for connecting to a field device;

a display housed within the housing;

a memory;

10 the memory storing a user interface to be displayed on the display, the user interface to be used for at least one of programming the apparatus, testing the apparatus, managing the apparatus, and accessing the field device.

15 7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein:

the user interface is to be used for at least one of programming the apparatus, testing the apparatus, managing the apparatus, accessing the field device, and programming, testing, or managing another apparatus in the facilities management system.

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8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein:

the display is an LCD touchscreen.

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9. A method of configuring a facilities management system, comprising:

5 installing a personality module and connecting the personality module to a field device;

installing a display in close proximity to the personality module;

configuring the personality module using the display.

10 10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

configuring a remote personality module using the display.

11. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

controlling the field device using the display.

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12. The method of claim 9, further comprising viewing diagnostic information for the personality module using the display.